2016 UPDATES

ARIZONA

Starting 4/01/16, Arizona license holders have the option to apply for a Voluntary Travel ID card, which complies with the REAL ID Act. The voluntary travel ID looks like a standard driver's license but has a yellow circle with star cutout in the upper right corner. Licenses issued beginning 4/01/16 that are not REAL ID-compliant show "NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION" in black.

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COLORADO

In March 2016 Colorado began issuing a new format driver's license, instruction permit, and ID card. The fine-line design includes pale blue, green, and yellow coloration, with images of a mountain on the front, and the state capital building on the back. The license holder's primary photo and information are laser-engraved in grayscale. A smaller photo appears at lower right. A black circle/white star cutout at the upper right indicates compliance with the REAL ID Act. Licenses without the star state, "Not Valid For Federal Identification, Voting or Public Benefit Purposes." Driver class, endorsements, and restrictions are printed on the back, which also includes a magnetic stripe, 1D and 2D barcodes, and a small photo of the license holder. The minor's license is vertical. The ID card resembles the driver's license (minor's is vertical) except "COLORADO" header is in red. Security features include UV (front and back), some tactile printing and microprinting, a clear window with image of license holder, and color-shifting ink. A temporary paper document contains a removable section resembling the license or ID card, and is valid for 30 days.



IDAHO

By late October or early November, Idaho will start issuing driver's licenses and ID cards in a new format. The design of the new license and ID cards includes a fine-line background in shades of blue, turquoise, and lavender, with a clear window containing a color ghost image of the holder, and an Optically Variable Ink image of the state insect. The headbar includes a stylized blue "IDAHO" and "The Gem State." Minor's credentials are in vertical format, with age notation(s) in black type.

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ILLINOIS

Illinois is now issuing driver's licenses and ID cards in a new format with upgraded security features. The new license/ID card has a fine-line background in muted shades of red, white, and blue. Type of license is in capital white letters inside a colored bar at top center. The holder's primary photo, taken against a turquoise backdrop, appears at left. "ILLINOIS" (in red block letters) is above the photo; the holder's signature is below the photo. A color ghost image is at lower right. Background images include Abraham Lincoln and the state seal. Applicants visiting Driver Services facilities will be issued a temporary paper driver's license, which is valid for 45 days and will serve as their DL/ID for driving purposes and proof of identification. The temporary license contains a photo of the applicant and the same basic information that appears on a permanent driver's license or ID card.



LOUISIANA

Beginning October 3, 2016, Louisiana began issuing REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and ID cards. (The format of the license and ID card has not changed.) A card that is REAL ID-compliant has a gold circle/star cutout on the front, at the upper right corner. If a license or ID card is not REAL ID-compliant, it will state "NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION" (in black) just below the "DRIVER'S LICENSE" headbar.



MARYLAND

Starting June 20, Maryland began issuing driver's licenses and ID cards in a new format.

The new polycarbonate license has a "jigsaw" or "checkerboard" pattern background in shades of pink, yellow, and gray. The license/card holder's primary photo and ghost image are laser-engraved in black-and-white. "MARYLAND" (in blue letters) is at upper left, with a yellow, black, and red checkered flag icon to the left. Driver's licenses have a black "DL" inside a white oval, ID cards have a black "ID" inside a white oval, at the top. Every card has an inventory control number, a unique number and bar code to verify that the card was issued to the cardholder. Cards that are REAL ID compliant have a white star cutout in a black circle at upper right. Minor's licenses and ID cards are in vertical format.



MASSACHUSETTS

Starting July 24, 2016, Massachusetts will be issuing a new format driver's license and ID card. The new design has a fine-line background in muted shades of blue, green, and red. "MASSACHUSETTS" is in black at upper left. A color photo of the card holder against a turquoise backdrop is on the left. Security features include microprinting; a laser-perforated silhouette of the state over the holder's date of birth; a Kenta gram of the state bird and flower; and a yellow-gold UV image of the Massachusetts statehouse, state silhouette, "MASSACHUSETTS" and state seal across the front side. The back has 1D and 2D barcodes. Minor's licenses and minor's ID cards are in vertical format with red license type under "MASSACHUSETTS" headbar. Adult ID card is in horizontal format, with red "IDENTIFICATION CARD" at top right.

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MISSISSIPPI

In mid-August 2016, Mississippi began issuing a new format driver's license and ID card. A stylized green "MISSISSIPPI" heading is at upper left; "DRIVER LICENSE" (in green) is to the right of the heading. The fine-line background design is in muted shades of blue, green, and red against white. Images of the state silhouette, statehouse, and flag appear in the background. Primary photo of the holder against a turquoise background is at left, with a color ghost image near lower right of card. A laser-perforated state silhouette, at lower right and overlapping ghost image, is visible when backlit. The minor's license has the same coloration but is in vertical format; red "UNDER 21 UNTIL (date)" and black "UNDER 18 UNTIL (date)" are below box containing license number, date of birth, and expiration date.



RHODE ISLAND

In mid-July 2016, Rhode Island began issuing driver's licenses and ID cards in a new format. The "Rhode Island" banner at upper left is blue (on driver's licenses) and red (on ID cards), with blue "DRIVER LICENSE" or red "IDENTIFICATION CARD" at top center. On CDL, "Rhode Island" banner and "COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE" are green. Primary photo is at left; ghost image is at lower right. Minor's license is in vertical format, with "Under 18" and/or "Under 21" indicators directly below primary photo. The fine-line design of a bridge, clouds, seagulls, sailboat, and lighthouse in subtle blue, red, and gray tones is against a white background. Security features include an optically variable pattern (state name, state seal, an anchor and stars) that changes appearance as the card is tilted; date of birth in 3 locations; and an inventory control number. On the back are 1D and 2D barcodes, and light purple "waves" and "Rhode Island" along the bottom edge.

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UTAH

Starting in June 2016, Utah began issuing driver's licenses and ID cards in a new format. The fine-line background design is in muted shades of blue, green, and red, with an image of the state capitol building in the center. License/card type appears in black at center, top. New security features include a laser perforation of a beehive (near expiration date) and a black-and-white, laser-engraved ghost image of the card holder at lower right. 1D and 2D barcodes are on the back. "UTAH" in blue is at upper left for standard adult licenses, minor's licenses, and ID cards; "UTAH" is in red on driving privilege licenses for undocumented drivers. Minor's licenses the permanent license or card is mailed to the applicant. It is printed on security paper that shows "VOID" when copied, and includes the holder's photo.

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PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico began issuing a REAL ID-compliant driver's license in April of this year. The license has a white background, the holder's photo on the left side and a ghost image at lower right. A vertical green bar with "OPERATOR [Driver Class Number] CONDUCTOR" in white appears to the right of the photo. A gold star at upper right indicates REAL ID compliance. A license with no star states, in red, "NOT FOR REAL ID PURPOSES" above date of birth. The corresponding ID card has a similar design but without a green vertical bar. All ID cards (regardless of holder's age) are in vertical format; the REAL ID star appears at upper right, or 'NOT FOR REAL ID PURPOSES" (in red) appears below date of birth.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Starting April 1, 2016 Saskatchewan begins issuing a new version of its driver's license and ID card. The new license and ID card look similar to the prior issue credentials, but they have enhanced security features. For example, the clear oval window on the prior issue cards has been replaced with a lenticular lens that displays different information when viewed from various angles. A smaller version of the photo and signature, along with the holder's date of birth (Year/Month/Date), and customer number appear at lower right, inside a lenticular lens. The durable polycarbonate card makes a distinct sound when dropped on a hard surface.

